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The communication filed on September 8, 2005 is not deemed to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005 because this communication fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111(b). 37 CFR 1.111(b) states:

In order to be entitled to reconsideration or further examination, the applicant or patent owner must reply to the Office action. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. If the reply is with respect to an application, a request may be made that objections or requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. The applicant's or patent owner's reply must appear throughout to be a *bona fide* attempt to advance the application or the reexamination proceeding to final action. A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section.

Page 16 of the communication filed on September 8, 2005 is blank; and therefore, this communication fails to address the following rejections contained in the Office Action dated June 1, 2005:

- (1) The rejection of claims 23, 26, 27 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Galbacs et al. publication entitled "Removal of the Arsenic Content of Drinking Water" or the Galbacs et al. publication entitled "Ammonia Removal From Sewage Waters By Magnesium Salts" in view of D'Alelio (U.S. Patent No. 2,340,111);
- (2) The rejection of claims 32 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of the Galbacs et al. publication entitled "Removal of the Arsenic Content of Drinking Water;" and
- (3) The rejection of claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Galbacs et al. publication entitled "Removal of the Arsenic Content of Drinking Water" or the

Galbacs et al. publication entitled "Ammonia Removal From Sewage Waters By Magnesium Salts" in view of Khandaker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,802,980).

Since the above noted communication appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment of the application. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is 571-272-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Duane Smith, can be reached at 571-272-1166.

The centralized facsimile number for the USPTO is **571-273-8300**.

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